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Jury Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question:

04 - Where did you get my name for jury duty?

Answer:

This court randomly selects from a combined list of active voter registration records and drivers' license records.

This selection creates the court's "MASTER JURY WHEEL" (a term which originated in the days when names were placed in a large barrel-type wheel and turned around to mix them up; today, however, we use computers to randomly select names). Each person selected is mailed a qualification questionnaire to be completed and returned. Receiving a qualification questionnaire does not mean that you have been summoned for jury duty. Its purpose is only to develop a large "wheel" of qualified citizens, from which future juries will be summoned.

Those citizens who are deemed to be qualified to serve as jurors based upon their answers to the questionnaire are then placed into the "QUALIFIED JURY WHEEL." From this "wheel" the court will randomly select groups of prospective jurors and summon them over the course of a two-year period.

Every two years the court discards its old "master wheel" and "qualified wheel" and creates new ones.

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Jury Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question:
Q5 - *Who is considered "qualified" for jury service?*

Answer:
To be qualified for jury service, a person must be a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age; able to read, write, speak, and understand the English language; and reside in the State of Hawaii.

Persons who may not serve as jurors include those who have pending criminal charges which may be punishable by more than one year in prison; have been convicted of a felony without having their civil rights restored; have a physical or mental disability that would prevent services as a juror; or hold certain occupations (full-time military, police, firefighters, and elected public officials).

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Jury Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question:
2 - What counties do you summon jurors from?

Answer:
We summon jurors from all counties. The U.S. District Court has jurisdiction over the entire State of Hawaii.

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